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All-India Farmers' Convention.

* 2684 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras Government have sent any delegates to the All-India Farmers' Convention held at New Delhi on 3rd April 1955;

(*b*) if so, how many and from which districts;

(*c*) whether any travelling allowance was paid to them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Twenty-seven non-official delegates were selected and they happen to belong to the following districts :—

Ramanathapuram	3
Tirunelveli	2
Salem	1
Chingleput	5
Tanjore	6
Coimbatore	2
Tiruchirappalli	1
South Arcot	2
Malabar	1
Madurai	4
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In addition two official delegates were sent. They were the Block Development Officers of Gandhigram and Tiruppur.

(*c*) The cost of journey by train by the second-class from their places of residence to Delhi and back was borne by the Farmers' Forum, India, in the case of the non-official delegates. As regards the two official delegates, the travelling allowance according to the Madras Travelling Allowances Rules was met by this State.

Delegates to the All-India Agriculturists' Conference

* 2685 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of delegates from this State that attended the recent All-India Agriculturists' Conference at Delhi; and

(*b*) how they were selected?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Seventeen non-officials and two official delegates selected by this Government attended the Conference.